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...MACHIA SENT YOU?

HOW LONG  
HAVE YOU BEEN  
WATCHING ME?

WELL,  
DON'T YOU THINK IT  
WOULD BE WEIRDER IF HE  
WASN'T WATCHING YOU?



MACHIA ISN'T  
THE TYPE TO GIVE UP  
ON SOMEONE.



DON'T TELL ME  
YOU THOUGHT HE WASN'T  
ABLE TO FIND YOU  
UNTIL NOW?



HE'S NOT AS  
IMPOTENT AS  
YOU THINK.



HE'S WATCHING  
EVERYTHING.

WHAT'S HE  
WAITING FOR THEN?

WHY'S HE STILL WATCHING  
HIM, IF HE CAN TAKE HIM BACK  
WHENEVER HE WANTS?



I DON'T KNOW.  
I'M JUST HIS EYES.



I'M NOT HERE  
TO KILL YOU OR LURE  
YOU INTO A TRAP.

TRUST ME!



Is...



HES RIGHT.

I HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN  
THE INSIDE OF THE PALACE,  
AND EVEN IF I WENT IN,  
THEY'D BLINDFOLD ME  
SO I WOULDN'T KNOW!



BUT THE ONE THING I DO KNOW,  
IS THAT SHE'S ALIVE.



BECAUSE WE STILL  
WORSHIP HER AS  
OUR GODDESS.

GODDESS...?

I GUESS THIS GUY  
HASN'T TOLD YOU MUCH.

YOU AND HER ARE  
BASICALLY OUR GODS.



BECAUSE YOU MADE US.

HEY, BASTARD.  
YOU BETTER WATCH YOUR  
MOUTH, OR I'LL RIP OUT  
YOUR DAMNED EYES.



I'D RATHER YOU DID.  
I'M GETTING SICK OF LIVING  
AS SOMEONE ELSE'S EYES...



...WHAT ARE YOU...

...TALKING ABOUT



WHAT DO YOU MEAN,  
GODS? YOU'RE THE ONES  
THAT MADE AND USED US!

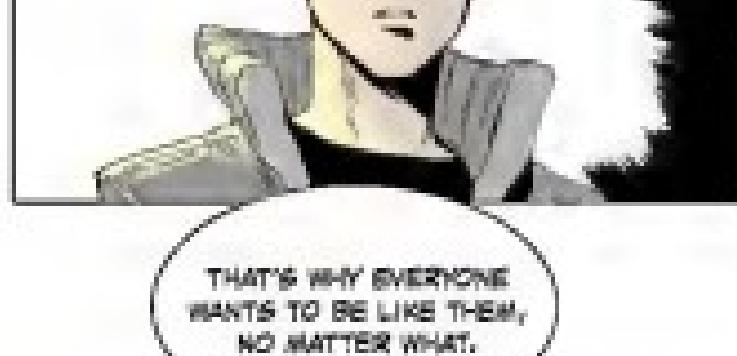
WHY DO YOU THINK  
WE'VE RETAINED OUR  
HUMANOID FORMS, DESPITE  
THE TIME THAT'S PASSED?



THIS IS A RELIGION.  
OBSESSION. BLIND FAITH.

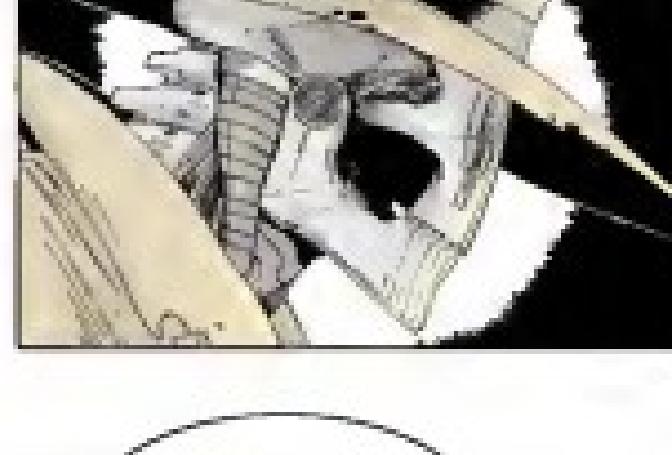


WE'VE STILL BEEN  
UNABLE TO DISCARD IT...  
HATING THEM WHILE ENVYING  
THEM, SCORNING THEM  
WHILE LOVING THEM.



THAT'S WHY EVERYONE  
WANTS TO BE LIKE THEM,  
NO MATTER WHAT.

THAT'S WHY  
WE DON'T WANT TO  
TAKE ANOTHER  
FORM...



AND THAT'S WHY  
WE STILL COPY YOU  
HUMANS.

WHILE WE  
WERE HUMANS

THAT BECAME  
MACHINES BY  
THEIR HANDS.

WE WANT TO  
BECOME HUMANS  
AGAIN.



WE WANT TO RETURN  
TO OUR HUMAN BODIES  
AGAIN.



...HMM



RETURN?  
WHAT DOES  
THAT MEAN?

...YOU DON'T NEED  
TO KNOW, YURA.



DID MACHIA ORDER  
YOU TO TELL HIM THAT?

UASHI!



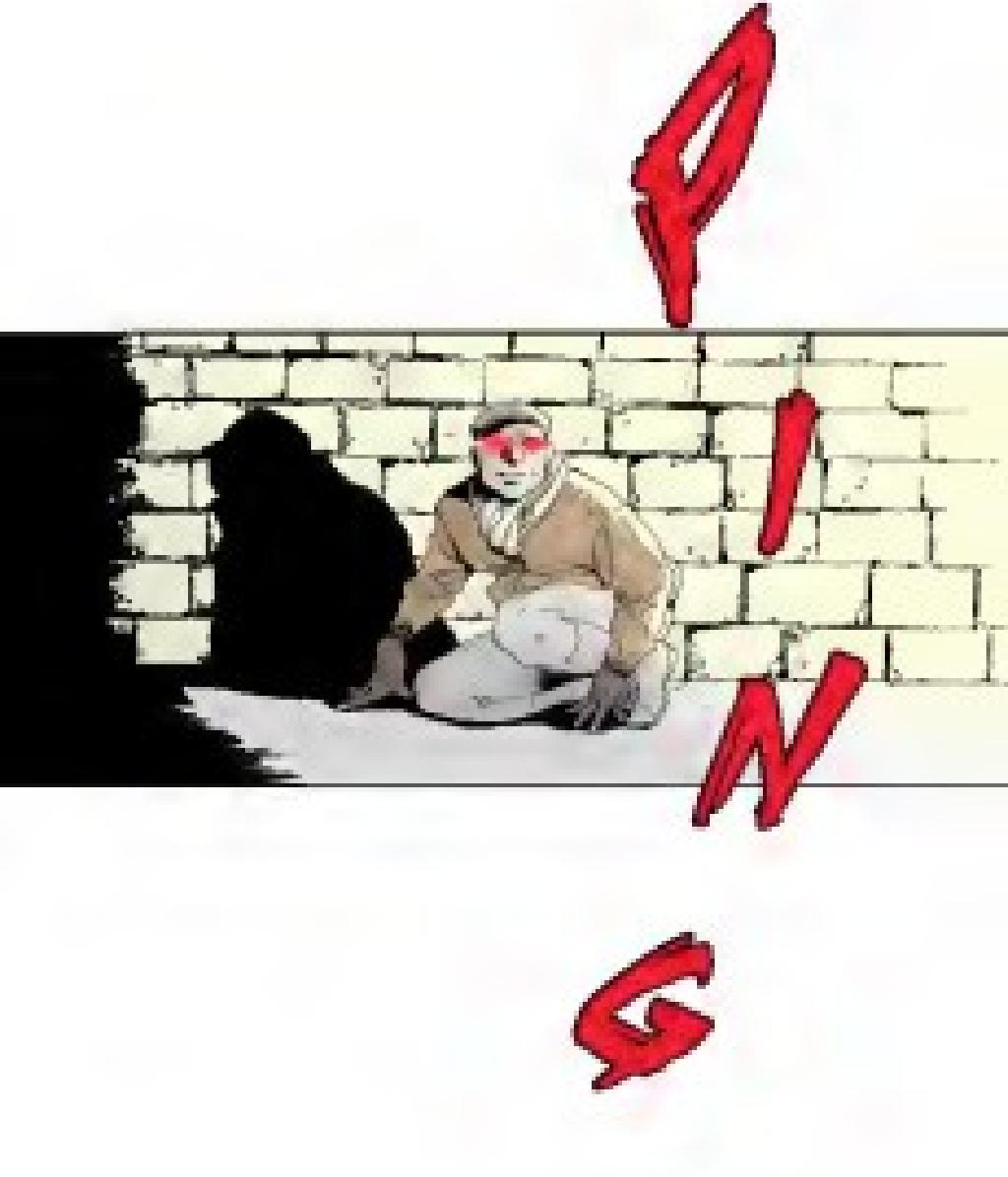
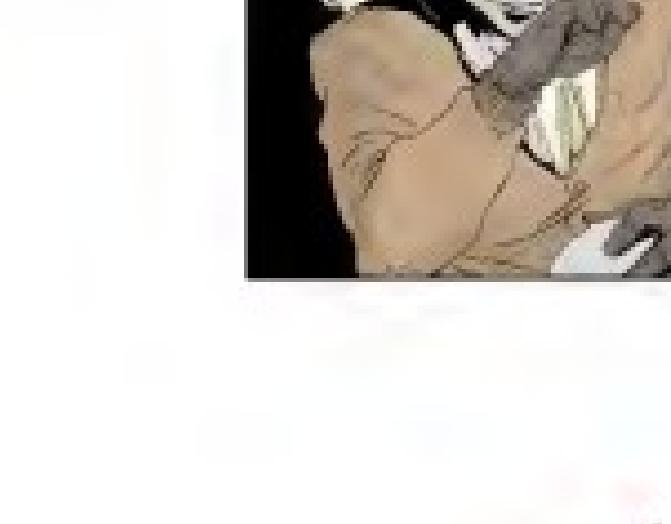
HAAA...

THEY MAY BE ABLE  
TO SEE THROUGH MY EYES,  
BUT HOW I MOVE AND TALK  
IS COMPLETELY UP TO ME.

AND SINCE I CAN  
CONTROL MY EYES,  
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM.

...BUT I CAN'T KEEP  
IT UP FOR LONG. IT'LL BE  
TROUBLESOME IF THEY  
SUSPECT SOMETHING.



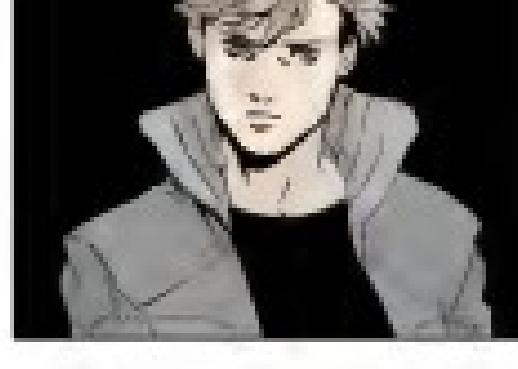




MACHIA...  
HAS WATCHING ME...

EVER SINCE  
I ESCAPED...

BUT WHY ISN'T HE  
DOING ANYTHING? WHY HAS  
HE ONLY BEEN WATCHING ME  
FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS?



NOW'S NOT  
THE TIME TO BE  
DISCUSSING THAT.

WE CAN'T STAY  
OUTSIDE LIKE THIS.



HE MIGHTVE ONLY  
BEEN WATCHING YOU  
FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

BUT WHY IS HE  
ONLY WATCHING ME?



YURA!

SQUEEZE



WE CAN'T LEAVE  
YOU INJURED LIKE THIS  
ANY LONGER!

TALKING ABOUT IT NOW,  
WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING.



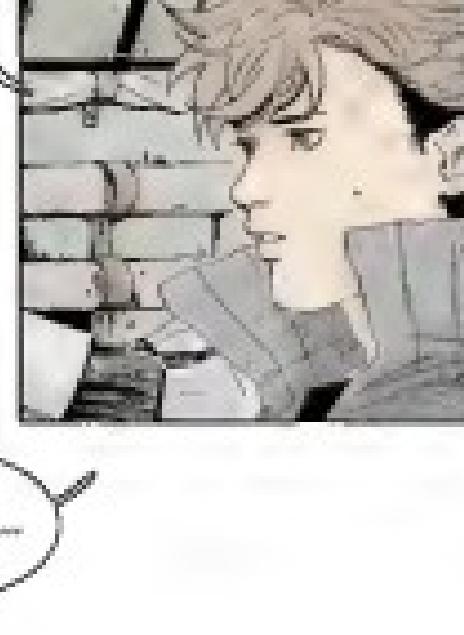
AND WE DON'T KNOW  
WHEN SOMEONE ELSE  
MIGHT BE ATTACKING US.

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW  
HOW SOPHIE FOLLOWED  
YOU HERE WHEN THE LANDLORD  
SAID HE'D CLEAN UP  
AFTER US...



AND IT'S TOO DANGEROUS  
TO GO BACK TO CHECK... ANYWAY  
NOW'S NOT A GOOD TIME. WE'LL  
TALK ABOUT IT WHEN  
WE GET TO "R".

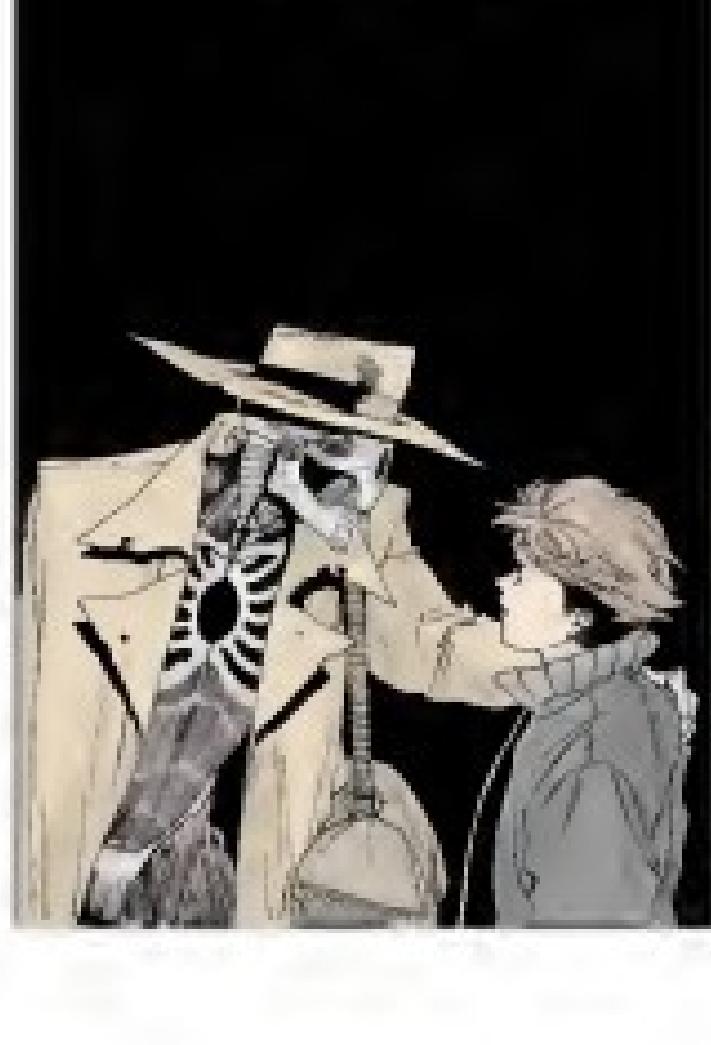
WHAT DID SOPHIE  
MEAN BY YOUR  
DAUGHTER?



DID YOU...



...LOSE YOUR  
FAMILY TOO?





HURRY UP.



ARE YOU LOOKING  
FOR YOUR FAMILY TOO?



THAT'S GOT  
NOTHIN' TO DO  
WITH YOU.



BE QUIET AND  
FOLLOW ME.





TO BE CONTINUED...